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ANNUAL EVALUATION

REF: (A) STATE 262278 (AIDAC), (B) STATE 299568 (AIDAC),
(C) BUENOS AIRES A-13

1. REGRET THAT EMBASSY UNABLE REPLY TO REFS (A) AND (B)
BEFORE NOW.
2. EMBASSY POPULATION OFFICER HAS BY DESIGN AND ALSO DUE
PRESS OF OTHER MATTERS HAD ZERO CONTACT WITH ARGENTINE FAMILY
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION IN PAST YEAR. AID MAY RECALL THAT
IT TERMINATED FSL EMPLOYEE WHO HAD CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE
AND CONTACTS IN THIS FIELD RATHER ABRUPTLY ABOUT A YEAR AGO.
AID ALSO MAY RECALL THAT IT ORDERED DESTROYED MOST FILES,
INCLUDING EXTENSIVE POPULATION FILES, AT THIS POST SHORTLY
THEREAFTER. BOTH STEPS WERE TAKEN WITHOUT CONSULTING POPU-
LATION OFFICER AND CLEARLY DETRACT FROM POST ABILITY TO
RESPOND TO REQUESTS OF THIS NATURE.
3. WHILE WE IN PRINCIPLE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO TRY TO
REESTABLISH SOME RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN POPULATION OFFICER
AND FAMILY PLANNING ORGANIZATION AS SUGGESTED IN SECTION
II REFTTEL (A), WE BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE AT MOST A VERY
LOW PRIORITY EFFORT HERE. AS REFAIR (C) EXPLAINS, POPU-
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LATION CONTROL JUST ISN'T A MAJOR GOAL IN THIS COUNTRY;

IN FACT THE CONTRARY IS TRUE. ALSO, ARGENTINA'S SIGNATURE ON THE BUCHAREST ACTION PLAN WOULD ONLY HAVE BEEN DONE BECAUSE ARGENTINA SUCCESSFULLY SPEARHEADED THE EFFORT TO WATER DOWN THAT DOCUMENT AND ALLOW PRONATALIST POLICIES, SUCH AS ARGENTINA'S, FOR COUNTRIES WHICH SO CHOOSE. ACCORDINGLY, WE MUST REPORT THAT SECTION II RECOMMENDATIONS OF REFTEL (A) DO GIVE US SOME REAL DIFFICULTY, IN VIEW OF ALL THIS, AND AS PRACTICAL MATTER BECAUSE OF REDUCED STAFFING (INCLUDING AID STAFFING) AT THIS POST.

4. CONSIDERING ALL OF ABOVE, WE UNABLE TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL (A) AT THIS TIME, BUT HOPE THAT AID/W ABLE TO COMPLETE ITS EVALUATION OF IPPF BASED ON INFO SUPPLIED BY OTHER POSTS.
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